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BY ECF AND EMAIL

Honorable Richard J. Sullivan
United States Circuit Judge
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. John Luke Shannon,
18 Cr. 809 (RJS)**

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I write to request that the Court adjourn Mr. Shannon's surrender date, now set for March 24, 2021, by an additional 30 days. The principal reason an adjournment is necessary is that Mr. Shannon has suffered a stroke. On or about February 27, he experienced a headache and pressure, began drooling uncontrollably out of the right side of his mouth, and had right-side hemiparesis. He was taken by ambulance to Abrazo hospital, where a CT scan revealed an "early acute infarct in the posterior left frontal lobe above the sylvian fissure." He continues to experience expressive aphasia and right-sided weakness and has been referred for speech therapy and physical therapy.

Pending additional follow-up by Mr. Shannon's neurologist, Mr. Shannon's primary care physician has placed him on 30 days' bed rest beginning March 8. Mr. Shannon nevertheless went out to receive a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine on March 15, which was the earliest appointment that he had been able to obtain. He was told to return on April 6 to receive a final dose because so much time elapsed between his first and second doses.

The requested 30-day adjournment will allow Mr. Shannon to recover from his stroke and complete his inoculation before he travels and surrenders to serve his prison sentence. The government takes no position on this request.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/

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cc: AUSA Cecilia Vogel

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Defendant's surrender date, currently set for Wednesday, March 24, 2021, is adjourned to Monday, April 26, 2021.

Date: March 17, 2021
New York, NY

SO ORDERED:



RICHARD J. SULLIVAN
U.S.C.J., Sitting by Designation